

PERSONAL DATA:

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SUMMARY:

The most distinctive aspects of my experience encompass strategic planning and objective setting, advocacy, negotiation and capacity development.

Over 35 years of professional experience mainly within the United Nations System, in various capacities, both at headquarters and in the field, ranging from social development, to Human Resources Management, to relief coordination, to emergency management training and capacity-building, to peace-building, to development cooperation.

Gender mainstreaming has been a constant feature of my work in the different areas throughout my career in the multilateral field.

MAIN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Deputy focal point for the advancement of Women - United Nations Office in Geneva.
- Senior Director External Relations, Communications and Public Outreach (WIPO) focusing on United Nations Development Group (UNDG)
- Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States (WIPO) focusing on development cooperation, including the promotion of women inventors and innovators in the Region.
- Deputy Executive Director, War Torn Societies Project (UNOPS) In charge of Outreach & Learning for Peace Building Projects in Guatemala, Rwanda, Macedonia, empowering women at the community level through participatory action research and dialogue processes.
- Chief of Section covering North, Central and Eastern Africa, the Middle East and Afghanistan (UNOCHA) with a special emphasis on humanitarian assistance, protection issues and women in conflict.
- Human Resources Officer UN Headquarters and UNOG focusing among other issues on improving the representation of women at senior level within the Secretariat.

- Social Affairs Officer (UNESCWA) working on community development projects throughout the Region including special projects aiming at a better integration of women in development.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Advanced University Degree in Law, major in Sociology of Law, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris
- "Licence en Droit", major International Law, Université St Joseph, Beirut
- "Licence en Sociologie", sociologie du développement, Ecole Supérieure des Lettres, Beirut

CEDAW:

Since my election as member of the Committee, acted as Country Rapporteur in several sessions as well as a member of different country task forces. In addition, carried out the following functions:

- Member of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention;
- Member of the working group on inquiries under the Optional Protocol to the Convention;
- Chairperson of the Working Group on Gender Related Dimensions of Disaster Risk Reduction in the context of Climate Change; GR 37
- Chairperson of the Working Group on engagement with National Human Rights Institutions;
- Member of the Working Group on Trafficking in the context of Global Migration;
- Member of the Working Group for the update of General Recommendation No 19 on gender-based violence against women; GR 35
- Member of the Working Group on General Recommendation 32: "Gender related dimensions of refugee status, asylum, nationality and statelessness of women".
- Member of the Task Force on General Recommendation 30: "Women in Conflict Prevention, Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations".
- Member of the WG on Working Methods with a special emphasis on the implementation of GA resolution 68/268.
- Member of the CEDAW-UN Women/Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Working Group.
- Member of the CEDAW-Inter-Parliamentarian Union (IPU) Working Group
- Member of the Working Group for Cooperation with Regional Human Rights Mechanisms.

I undertook Different activities in representation of the Committee and in support of policy-making and Capacity building through Advocacy and training for government officials, jurists and civil society activists at national and regional levels (Algeria, Japan, Jordan, Egypt, France, Morocco, Russia, Tunisia, Lithuania and the United Kingdom). I also participated in different Expert meetings on *inter alia*: Women in Migration, Women and health.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Throughout my life I have been very active in the field of Human Rights, in particular through the Arab Lawyers Union in the early 80's, as a member of the special committee on women and Shari' a, as well as through the Arab Organization for Human Rights.

I did also serve on several internal UN panels investigating claims of discrimination, including gender.

Acted as an Advisor to different NGO's such as AMEL International and MENTOR Arabia, on pro bono basis to streamline gender perspective into their policies and programs.

Consultant to an International NGO undertaking evaluation of Development and Humanitarian assistance at the field level (i.e. Sudan, Yemen).

Contributed to several United Nations reports including on the status of women within the Secretariat, as well as other reports and training materials on various topics addressing also gender concerns such as the protection of civilian in armed conflict, women in disasters, Humanitarianism and War, the Humanitarian Response Index (HRI).

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